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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARAGRAPH TWO; LINE FOUR)
FOR SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IN

SUBJ: FUTURE OF ODRI

REF: (A) DRI 102 OF MARCH 2, 1973

1. I RECOMMEND THAT OFFICE OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE INDIA (ODRI) BE MERGED WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE (DAO) AFTER CONCLUSION PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR IN MAY. OUR VERY FINE ODRI OFFICIERS DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO DO NOW AND PROBABLY WILL NOT IN FUTURE. THIS IS IN NO SENSE THEIR DOING. IN EFFECT, IT REFLECTS POLICY OF THE UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT. IT IS A WASTE OF GOOD MEN TO KEEP THEM ASSIGNED TO DUTIES THAT DO NOT USE THEIR FULL POWERS.

2. I BELIEVE THAT ONE OFFICER, ONE ENLISTED MAN AND ONE CIVILIAN AUGMENTING DAO STAFF CAN HANDLE ANTICIPATED WORK-LOAD; I. E., EAST- WEST HIGHWAY, VERY MODEST SPARE PARTS SALES (C-119' S), PEACE INDIGO (IF INDIANS GO AHEAD) AND SMALL TRAINING PROGRAM (IF IT RESUMES). REF (A) PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INSIGHT.

3. I RECOGNIZE CHAIN- OF- COMMAND PROBLEM AND SUGGEST PERSONNEL REPORT TO CINCPAC AS BEFORE ON ODRI MATTERS, WHILE BECOMING PART OF DAO FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PURPOSES. I WOULD ALSO HOLD DATT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE
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IN ODRI FUNCTION AND THEY WOULD NORMALLY REPORT TO ME
THROUGH HIM.
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